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Mr. Vanderbilt on the Business Prospects of the Nation.

There can be only intelligent assent to the veracity of the prospectus of prosperity possible of attainment by this country which Mr. FRANK A. VANDERBILT has just offered in his address to the woolen and worsted manufacturers' association. Neither should there be any mistakes of emphasis on the factors contributory to prosperity.

It will be observed that Mr. VANDERBILT did not disparage the advantages which have accrued to American enterprise from the position in which this country, described by the speaker as "the richest in the world in liquid wealth and in the equipment for the production of everything the world wants," has been placed by the European war. On the contrary he distinctly pointed out that the war has supplied a great stimulus to our industries, or as he put it, "the wheels have been started, the dead inertia has been overcome, today the business machine is running at a speed and with a power never exceeded." At the same time there can be no dissent from his contention that our business must cut loose from a reliance on the stimulus of war created demand; for, as he said without circumlocution, "we know that possibly before the war ends foreign purchases in this market will have to be curtailed because the means of payment may be lacking."

Prosperity consisting chiefly of traffic in wartime necessities cannot last. No economic maxim is sounder than this. Such a state of prosperity we have already achieved, but in itself it is not enduring. It can, however, be made to serve as the basis of foundation for the erection of a structure of permanent prosperity, and it was the object of Mr. VANDERBILT's address to direct attention to this conclusion, to show what conditions were requisite for the establishment of permanent prosperity as an issue of our present fortunate situation, and encourage the effort.

That which the speaker said on this subject was in its words fully spoken. We have an unprecedented opportunity for the employment of enormous augmented resources of new wealth and more mobile wealth in the development of a prolonged era of sound domestic expansion. We have an equally unprecedented opportunity for the sound expansion of American enterprise in the foreign field by the organization of resources and effort to supply the world's wants in the coming time of peace.

Business has all the need for broad vision on which Mr. VANDERBILT dwelt, but the business perspective is not likely to be half as detrimentally defective as the political view. Not in many decades has there been so much occasion for such a sensitiveness to the sobering influences of practical concerns as men in public office, particularly at Washington, should exhibit at this time. We have already taken forward steps to free our business from "the theory of imperative purchases." We have incentives to continue, but politics can prove a stumbling block if not a more insuperable obstacle than any other difficulty which this country may have to overcome.

Drill on the Campus.

The reports from Dartmouth and Harvard of earnest effort to establish military training in those colleges are interesting but not complete. In each case the movement is still underground. The college administrations remain to be heard from.

At Dartmouth matters have progressed so far that arrangements are said already to have been made with the War Department for assignment of an officer as military instructor. But the sharp words of command and the tramp of marching feet will not be heard in Hanover drill halls until at least 150 names are on the roster and the official indorsement of the academic authorities is obtained.

President Lowell of Harvard is said to favor a course of lectures in military science but to oppose the project for weekly drill. What the students think is shown by the fact that in a single afternoon the required 400 signatures of volunteers to a Harvard battalion were obtained.

It is unnecessary to regard this martial enthusiasm as mere passing impulse. It is serious, and in its purpose sensible; particularly good to see on the part of the younger men

While we can readily understand the opposition of faculties, we are convinced that if the eager young fellows supposed to be in their charge have made up their minds to learn the art of war, the academic authorities had better restrict themselves to the details of regulation, and not resist the demand. They cannot easily check the movement, but they can direct it and keep it within the bounds of propriety and sense.

The Proposed Curtailment of Senatorial Debate.

Our admiration is excited by the ingenuity of the *World's* reply to our criticism of its plan of closure for the United States Senate.

Our neighbor proposed that debate should be limited and filibustering broken up "by permitting two-thirds of the Senators present to fix a time at which a vote should be taken on any measure." The *Sun* remarked that the word "present" suggested unpleasant possibilities in the way of contests of physical endurance, of watchful waiting for an opportunity and of tricks with the quorum. Our neighbor replies:

"The *World* used the same language that the Constitution of the United States employs in defining the Senate's power over treaties. If two-thirds of the Senators present can be trusted to ratify a treaty, can they not be trusted to end a filibuster?"

The language is the same, but the situation to which the language is applied is quite different. Our neighbor will perceive the difference if it will be good enough to remember that the Constitution of the United States, in defining the Senate's power over treaties, is very far from entrusting "two-thirds of the Senators present" the power to chop off debate on the treaty under discussion.

We repeat our expression of curiosity to learn whether the *World* thinks that in the long run more good or more harm has resulted to public interests from the unlimited freedom of debate in the Senate.

The Sad Case of the Brown Committee.

The Hon. ELOX R. BROWN, leader of the Republican majority in the State Senate, heads a committee authorized by the Legislature to spend \$25,000 in an inquiry of the familiar "non-partisan" kind into the affairs of New York city. The Senator and his associates are interested in finances, and the reason for withholding their curiosity since the Legislature adjourned has been a mystery to some residents of the town. This is now cleared up:

"It was explained that the Thompson committee and the Mills committee had so engrossed the public attention with Public Service Commission and taxation matters that the Brown committee thought it useless to try to expose the financial shortcomings of the city."

Who can withhold heartfelt sympathy for Mr. BROWN and his committee? They must postpone their sessions until the way to the front page is clear.

The Fraudulent Death Rate.

The police have counted us and found 244,773 more residents of New York city than the State enumerators did last spring. They give New York a population of 5,273,888, against the Board of Health's estimate of 5,000,532, on which the death rate is figured, and the Health Department's revised estimate, made in April, which set the inhabitants at 5,507,082.

There is no reason to believe that the police count is more accurate than the guesses of volunteers the only satisfactory evidence available to the ordinary citizen that New York has a large population is the overcrowded condition of every public transportation line.

One thing alone is sure. The death rate, whose subsidence has so gratified all of us, has been exposed as an unmitigated deceiver.

Austria's Turn in the Balkans.

The announcement by the Bulgarians of the abandonment of their Serbian campaign and the similar announcement by the German Emperor, which preceded it only a few days, are unusual enough to arouse interest as to the reason for making them. That the combined Teutonic-Bulgarian forces would conquer Serbia was expected from the first. The Germans, however, have occupied only a part of old Serbia and the Bulgarians have stopped short of Monastir, their western goal.

That these two nations in their military zeal exceeded the wish of their ally Austria and that their conquest was one of the reasons of the recent meeting of the two Emperors at Vienna appears evident. In every diplomatic move in the last quarter of a century Austria has had her eye upon the Vardar Valley as a southern gateway. The occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the joint military control with Turkey in Novi-Bazar were merely moves in her eastern and southern plans of acquisition. The inciting cause of her latest hostility to the Serbians was that they occupied this coveted outlet.

But today Bulgaria is in possession of southern Serbia, the Vardar Valley and a great portion of the railway from Novi-Bazar to the Eleana Sea. She, too, evidently intends to hold the conquest as spoils of war. In this she aspires to territory upon which Austria had centred her hopes and the only territory to which in case of Teutonic success she looks for her

own reward. Bulgaria in possession presents to Austria quite as serious a problem as Serbia did.

Besides, neither Greece nor Rumania will easily endure a Bulgarian hegemony in the Balkans. Greece may have been already promised sufficient repatriation in southern Macedonia and Thrace to satisfy her statesmen. But it must devolve on Austria to make to Rumania concessions that will neutralize the effect of the Bulgarian overlordship. Rumania has stated her price and Austria has found it so high that she must hesitate unless she is assured of recompense elsewhere.

Whichever way Austria turns she finds in the present situation only defeat in the Balkans, the land toward which have been directed all her greatest ambitions. It is thus but natural that she should demand the right to be in control there, that she should halt the aggressions even of her allies and that she should herself finish the conquest. Scarcely had the announcement of Bulgaria's and Germany's abandonment of the offensive in the Balkans been made, when, in spite of the peril on her Italian and Galician fronts, she undertook her own campaign by entering northern Novi-Bazar for a conquest of Montenegro.

Aside from its questionable strategic value, there may thus enter another doubt regarding the campaign in the Balkans. May its success not yet prove a weakness by affording a matter for serious differences among the Teutonic allies themselves?

Deer Hunting in the Old Bay State.

A few days ago Game Warden LYMAN E. RUBY of Barnstable, Mass., received the following letter from GILBERT E. TUCKER, aged 10:

"Have this day about 10 o'clock shot a buck deer in my father's pasture."

A record no doubt; but Dr. FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, president of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, says that he "cannot conceive of any parent being willing to have a young child start out to destroy life before he is old enough to have any understanding as to the nature of his deed or the claim upon him of animal life." Dr. ROWLEY's view will have a false ring to members of the gentler sex who gloat over their exploits in killing deer. "An Old Subscriber" writes from Orléans, the Springfield *Republican* to dispute the statement in its columns that "the only woman that has shot a deer since Miss MARY SHANNON killed one several years ago." A neighbor, Mrs. WILL S. WORMEN, "killed one last year and shot one last week." The writer concludes by saying: "We believe in giving credit where credit is due." No doubt there are other Dianas in Massachusetts who have missed publicity; perhaps a fairy of them with a pigtail down her back—who knows? Dr. ROWLEY may also run foul of legislators who will point to the open season law and maintain that deer are fair game to small boys as well as to big men. Why hint at cruelty to animals because a child is at the butt end of the weapon of slaughter? Are not all the hunters from the cradle to the grave in the same boat?

The feeling in Massachusetts that hunting for a week in every year an animal that for fifty-one weeks often feeds with the domestic cattle is not a munificent and refining sport seems to be spreading. Mr. HENRY M. DYCKMAN of Westfield tells this story over his own signature:

"I know a man living in Springfield who told me about the killing of a doe. He described how he wounded her, pursued her, saw a pitiful look as he cut her throat, and then he described the awful revelation of feeling that swept over him as she lay dying at his feet. 'But,' said he to me, 'I felt conscious all the time that I would do it again.' This was a clergyman over one of the large churches."

Well, the reverend gentleman had the law on his side, and so had the hunter in West Granville who shot a doe with three good legs and the well-licked stump of a fourth, quite a curiosity to the lucky Nimrod. It would be idle to assail a "sport" that is doubly attractive because it is as safe as shooting "Old Mooly" at the bars and confers distinction upon the executioner of both sexes and all ages. The combination is irresistible, even to occasional clergymen. Is any at-tention, then, to be paid to sentimental and humane persons like Mr. DYCKMAN of Westfield? Or is it to be always "On with the hunt?" We know what Mr. PIERRE LOTI would say. Read his confession of how he gave up "sport." Mr. CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER also had his own ideas on the subject, as his "Hunting of the Deer" attests.

If there is to be any relief for the deer in the old settled States, with incidental refining of the lust in both sexes for killing unattended by danger, it may humbly be suggested, since no one wants these beautiful creatures to be utterly exterminated, that they be herded into a great reservation conducted by the State, where their breeding could be regulated. The deer park of several hundred acres in the Essex Reservation in New Jersey furnishes a model.

Lady Eglantine's Pullman Car.

No citizen north of us deserves better of her compatriots than does Lady Eglantine, chief ornament of Dolau, Wales, whose shell product is a continuing lesson in propriety. That she should journey to New York to offer herself as a model for the ambitious is meet and proper. Few who journey hitherward from rural dis-

tricts so richly merit the comfort of a compartment in a Pullman car; did she need it, she would have a special train and the right of way.

We urge all New Yorkers to go and look upon her. She is a model of diligence, of concentration, of devotion to the welfare of the community. She does not frivol away her time in trying to patch up other persons' quarrels; she wastes no golden hours in vain regrets for other persons' pasts; she contributes nothing of her trained skill to subjects in which she is not expert. She minds her own business, and her reward is the respect of her neighbors to the uttermost confines of the nation.

Lady Eglantine is welcome. She has earned luxury, a personal attendant, the best the town affords. She is a producer, unrivalled in all the land; and the least New York can do for her is to relax the health ordinances to give her complete liberty, instruct the traffic police to hold up all pedestrians and vehicles for her convenience, and arrange a public reception to signify its affection for the world's champion egg layer.

When the Oscar III sails there'll be much adieu about nothing.

Townships can be ungrateful as well as republics. Clarendon, a township of Irwin, Pa., has resigned because, to quote him, "I've been dog catcher, health officer, trustee officer and the whole blamed police force, and every time I arrested some one I got licked." In the German army this duty to duty would have received the Iron Cross. In the British army the V. C. It is better to have been the police force of Irwin and lost every battle with offenders against the majesty of the law than not to have been a township in Clarendon, Pa. It should make this valiant man chief of police and reinforce him with the best fighting man in the township.

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The pleasures of benevolent neutrality depend largely upon the direction in which the benevolence is aimed.

The United States now has the graciousness of England to ship tobacco to Holland for re-exportation to Germany. Has the British Government considered that large quantities of tobacco are consumed by the soldiers in the trenches, and that therefore the weed should be condemned as contraband? Any addition to the meagre non-contraband list is of course gratifying.

Rumania continues to dodge the war mania.

The Hon. ALTON R. PARKER's tragic attack upon Mr. HENRY FORD and his Ark of Peace proves a deficiency of humor that has always been suspected.

Some of the men taking part in the meeting to form this League to Enforce Peace were good fellows, but not clearly thought out the matter. Most of the leaders, however, represented the old and foolish type of peace negotiators who do not care to think at all.

Apparently only the Colonel cares to think, and Lord, how he talks!

New York will have to wait until 1917 for HARRY SUNDAY's ministrations. Meanwhile we must try to be as sinless as possible.

If, as is reported in Washington, PANCHO VILLA bitterly upbraids the United States as the cause of all his misfortunes, it is not surprising. For during the past year he has been the victim of a series of misadventures, and he believes that the State Department was backing him against VENUSTIANO CARRANZA, and the awakening has been cruel.

It is not quite correct to say that 2,844,842 persons live in New Jersey. No considerable number of them live in New York and sleep across the river.

Perhaps it is possible to be a shipping man for thirty-one years and not know that when the boarding officer from an enemy ship visits a possible prize he immediately calls for the ship's papers. The purchasing agent of the Hamburg-American line swears that he has been his experience. But it is not possible to read a boy's book of wartime adventure, or the stories in the *Hunter*, and not know it. The finest thrill comes when the natty young Lieutenant boards the suspect and makes his curt demand of the merchantman's skipper. He is an indispensable of fiction.

Peace at any price would mean shame for nothing.

Chancellor DAY of Syracuse is an other learned gentleman who asserts that preparedness means war. It is curious how many noted scholars seem never to have heard of Switzerland.

"To the storehouse with all bric-a-brac" is the new suffrage slogan. Does an anti-suffrage Congressman come under that head?

If the Hymns of Peace were actuated by any motives but those of the most altitudinal altruism the serious offer of a police official to take thumbprints of the voyagers, for identification of their corpses in case the ship should strike a mine, would fear gaps in the passenger list equal to those which a floating engine of destruction might open in the ship's hull.

Good sense has not wholly deserted HENRY FORD. He has cut loose from WILLIAM J. BRENNAN'S.

A Colorable Charge of Profanity.

To the Editor of THE SUN—SIR: Correction can be withheld. A charge of profanity is without the sanction of number, and when you say women delegates you profane the sanctuary of our grammar. It is known that you do not so print the names of delegates, but I suppose that the author of women delegates would hesitate at that, being not wholly true.

OUR GREAT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Director Anderson Answers Some Questions and Removes Some Misapprehensions.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—SIR: Letters in recent issues of THE SUN suggest the need of clearing away certain misunderstandings about the great public library in the central building of the New York Public Library.

In the first place this room, like all the other rooms of the reference department, is primarily a work room or place for study and research, where students, scholars and investigators may find the material they need. This is in accordance with the intentions of the founders of the library, who provided the funds for its maintenance, and this policy was specifically stated in the charter of the institutions which were consolidated to form the New York Public Library. Lack of money and space makes it impossible to meet the requirements of the general public, and although his needs are not ignored, such readers, however, can best be served in our circulation branches, and in these branches the facilities for reading current periodicals and books approach more closely the plan of a club reading room, the ideal many have in mind when they think of arrangement in our central building.

It is not generally understood that the maintenance of the reference department, including the central circulation branch and the study room in the central building, have to be met entirely from the library's own funds without any outside assistance. With a great and continuous increase in the use of the library there has been practically no increase in income. Consequently the funds available for expenditure annually fall far short of the requirements. That the importance of periodicals in the work of a reference library is fully appreciated by the library's management is shown by the fact that the reference department's book fund is steadily increasing a large part of it goes for periodical subscriptions. Over 7,000 such subscriptions are maintained regularly, about 4,000 of which are kept in the current periodicals room. Of course a great many of these periodicals are technical or highly specialized in character and make no appeal to the casual reader. However, many two of the more popular magazines are kept on the shelves in the central circulation branch, and are accessible to readers without any formal whatever. The periodicals selected for the open shelves are those for which the public has the greatest demand.

This system is not inflexible, as it has been charged, since changes are made frequently in the list, when the demand for certain subjects increases or diminishes for others. Duplication of popular magazines to meet the heavy temporary demand at time of publication is also made. The library does not purchase of other magazines and books—that some other periodicals would have to be dropped entirely from our subscription list. The library's policy is to keep a proper policy for a reference library.

All periodicals are indexed in a card catalog, and in the current periodicals room under title, country and subject. There are also typewritten lists of periodicals on various subjects, and a special list of periodicals for the use of the library in which all periodicals are listed under title, subject and geographical division. The list from the card catalog is sent to the attendants at the desk with, on request, being for examination all our current periodicals on a given subject or a given country.

The two large rooms now used for current periodicals are all that can be spared in a building already crowded. The library is constantly endeavoring to provide the hundreds of readers who use them daily, even though space is economized as much as possible by keeping such collections as the current periodicals on two floors of stacks. To display the 4,000 periodicals so that they would be convenient of access to the casual reader would require a great deal of shelving or racks, would make it necessary to roof in all Bryant Park. There would be much more shelving of magazines and periodicals, and the difficulty in finding those wanted. The consequent delays would be much more vexatious than any of the annoyances about which complaint has been made. The library is constantly endeavoring to provide the hundreds of readers who use them daily, even though space is economized as much as possible by keeping such collections as the current periodicals on two floors of stacks. 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